

Is My Community Elder Friendly?

Circle One:

Poor

Fair

Avg.

Good

Great

My
Score

Housing	Is residential housing safe & close to needed services?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are a variety of affordable housing options available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are senior apartments available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are assisted living facilities available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are quality nursing home facilities available?	1	2	3	4	5	
Transport.	Can elders get transportation when they need it?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Can elders get transportation to elective activities as well as medical appointments?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is elder transportation handicapped accessible?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is elder transportation affordable?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is assisted elder transportation available?	1	2	3	4	5	
Accessibility	Is there plenty of safe outdoor space?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there sufficient places to sit down?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are streets and addresses well-marked?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are stoplights timed to allow elders time to cross?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are sidewalks wide and well-maintained?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are curbs low and easily navigated?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is there sufficient parking close to stores, churches, etc.?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is there sufficient and well-placed handicapped parking?	1	2	3	4	5	
Services	Are information/referral services available and easily found?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is there a hospital or clinic in the community?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are affordable chore & handyman services available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are congregate and home delivered meals available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are friendly visiting/phone call services available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are in-home nursing services available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are information and training services for caregivers available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are caregiver respite services available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are caregiver support groups available?	1	2	3	4	5	

Subtotal front

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Work	Are there job opportunities for elders?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there volunteering opportunities for elders?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there mentoring opportunities for elders?	1	2	3	4	5	
Shopping	Is there an accessible grocery store in town?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is there a pharmacy in town?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are businesses sensitive to the needs of elders?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is home delivery of groceries, toiletries & drugs available?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are businesses handicapped accessible?	1	2	3	4	5	
Social/Cultural	Are there places for elders to eat and socialize?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there a large number of elders in the community?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Is there a good diversity of age groups in the community?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Do the generations interact in the community?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there opportunities for education/lifelong learning for elders?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there cultural events elders can enjoy?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are cultural/social events planned with elders in mind (i.e. timing, location, etc.)?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there opportunities for exercise and recreation in a safe environment?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are there active faith communities?	1	2	3	4	5	
Values	Is there an active senior center?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are elders treated with friendliness and respect?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are elders looked upon as assets in the community?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Does the community show an appreciation for local history?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are opportunities for active civic involvement open to elders?	1	2	3	4	5	
	Are the people of the community educated about the needs and strengths of elders?	1	2	3	4	5	

Subtotal back

Add Subtotal from front

Total Community Score:

How Did My Community Score?

180 – 200	Yes! We're Elder Friendly!
160 – 180	We're close- just tweak a few things
140 – 160	We've got some work to do
120 – 140	We've got lots of work to do
Below 120	We've got to start somewhere!



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